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SUBJ: UNCTAD GSP CONFERENCE MARCH 2-11, BOGOTA COLOMBIA

REF: (A) STATE 010708; (B) STATE 2618; (C) STATE 11336

1. THE UNCTAD REGIONALCONFERENCE ON THE GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) OPENED TODAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF 15 BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES PRESENT.

2. OPENING REMARKS BY ANTONIO URDINOLA, DIRECTOR OF THE
COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE (INCOMEX), CONSISTED
OF A VIGOROUS CRITICISM OF THE GSP SYSTEM AS PRESENTLY
STRUCTURED. SPECIFICALLY, HE STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE GSP SHOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN"
CRITERIA AND COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS. HE NOTED THAT
THE IMPLICATIONS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC UNIONS (I.E. CACM
AND ANCOM) AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GSP
SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED. ALSO, MORE "UNDERSTANDING" SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR EXPORT SUBSIDIES
BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. UNCTAD ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE IN THEIR
OPENING REMARKS TOOK A MORE MODERATE APPROACH TO THE
PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE. RATHER THAN
EMPHASIZING SHORTCOMINGS OR CRITICISMS OF THE GSP
SYSTEM, THEY DESCRIBED THE GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE
AS "TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, MAKE BETTER USE OF, AND

EXPAND THE GSP".

4. U.S. PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY
MORNING AND PART OF TUESDAY.

5. BAAS WILL BE MET BY EDWARD O'DONNELL ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 6, UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN BOGOTA. RESERVATIONS
HAVE BEEN MADE AT HOTEL TEQUENDAMA AS REQUESTED.
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